

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

LEILA GREEN LITTLE, JEANNE	§	Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-00424-RP
PURYEAR, KATHY KENNEDY,	§	
REBECCA JONES, RICHARD DAY,	§	
CYNTHIA WARING, AND DIANE	§	
MOSTER,	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	
	§	
LLANO COUNTY, RON CUNNINGHAM,	§	
in his official capacity as Llano County	§	
Judge, JERRY DON MOSS, in his official	§	
capacity as Llano County Commissioner,	§	
PETER JONES, in his official capacity as	§	
Llano County Commissioner, MIKE	§	
SANDOVAL, in his official capacity as	§	
Llano County Commissioner, LINDA	§	
RASCHKE, in her official capacity as Llano	§	
County Commissioner, AMBER MILUM,	§	
in her official capacity as Llano County	§	
Library System Director, BONNIE	§	
WALLACE, in her official capacity as	§	
Llano County Library Board Member,	§	
ROCHELLE WELLS, in her official	§	
capacity as Llano County Library Board	§	
Member, RHONDA SCHNEIDER, in her	§	
official capacity as Llano County Library	§	
Board Member, and GAY BASKIN, in her	§	
official capacity as Llano County Library	§	
Board Member,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

**DECLARATION OF KATHY KENNEDY IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, Kathy Kennedy, declare:

1. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the following facts.

2. I am a resident of Llano County and have a library card that gives me access to books available in the County's public libraries. I have always had a library card wherever I lived, and I have checked out all kinds of books from gardening, cooking, fiction, non-fiction, and biographies. My love for reading books and public libraries began when I was in elementary school. I have a vivid memory of walking alone to our local library during the summer, getting lots of *Nancy Drew* mysteries, and stopping at the Dairy Queen on the way back home. In sixth grade, my favorite teacher challenged me to read books a bit above my grade level. We read classics like *1984*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Pearl*, *Tea and Sympathy*, *Animal Farm*, *Moby Dick*, *Of Mice and Men*, and countless others. These books expanded my mind and instilled in me a lifelong love of reading and knowledge.

3. I know that several books were removed from Llano County's physical library collection, including at least the following books: (1) *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson; (2) *They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti; (3) *Spinning* by Tillie Walden; (4) *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak; (5) *It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health* by Robie Harris; (6) a read-aloud picture book series including *My Butt is So Noisy!*, *I Broke My Butt!*, and *I Need a New Butt!* by Dawn McMillan; (7) a read-aloud picture book series including *Larry the Farting Leprechaun*, *Gary the Goose and His Gas on the Loose*, *Freddie the Farting Snowman*, and *Harvey the Heart Has Too Many Farts* by Jane Bexley; (8) *Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* by Jazz Jennings; (9) *Shine* by Lauren Myracle; (10) *Gabi, a*

*Girl in Pieces* by Isabel Quintero; and (11) *Freakboy* by Kristin Elizabeth Clark. I cannot check out these books because they are no longer on library shelves or in the Llano County library catalog. I would check out these books from the Library System in the future if they were returned to library shelves.


4. I have also attempted to access OverDrive with my County library card without success. I would use my County library card to access ebooks and audiobooks on OverDrive in the future if access to OverDrive were reinstated. I make and sell quilts, which is an extremely time-consuming activity. When I discovered audiobooks, it opened up a new world for me. I realized I could work on my quilts while listening to a book at the same time.

5. When I found out about the book banning happening at the library, it hit a nerve with me. I was still isolated from Covid because of my autoimmune disorder, but I showed up in Commissioners Court with my 80-year-old husband—both of us masked and terrified of catching Covid. I was terribly nervous, and my voice was shaking, but I spoke up anyway to try and stop the censorship attempts being made by the Llano County officials. Being a citizen of Llano County and of the United States America, this is a line in the sand for me. I will not tolerate censorship here in my public library.

I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: May 7, 2022

By:

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Kathy Kennedy